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Joe McInnes Transportation Director

October 19, 2009

MEMORANDUM FY 2010-1

TO:

County Engineers

CC:

Division Engineers and Division County Transportation Engineers

FROM:

D.E. (Ed) Phillips, Jr., State County Transportation Engineer

REFERENCE: Allocation of 2010 Federal Aid Funds

Pleased find attached correspondence from Mr. Joe McInnes, Transportation Director, making the official allocation of the FY 2010 Federal Aid funds to each County in the amount of \$339,000.00. These funds will be made available for the Counties' use until October 1, 2011.

This figure is less than the amount provided in previous years due to a reduction in apportionment being provided to the states. The Federal Government has not enacted new transportation funding legislation, but passed a one month extension of the previous legislation. The State of Alabama has only received 1/12 of its annual apportionment for FY 2010, based on FY 2009 levels. The FY 2009 levels have been calculated using the sum of the full apportionment minus the rescissions that occurred during FY 2009. Therefore, the amount of apportionment we have received for the month of October is about 36% less than our normal amount. This reduction affected all categories of funding.

It is our hope that future extensions will correct this reduction and restore the full FY 2009 apportionment levels. ALDOT will increase the counties allocation to the FY 2009 level (\$500,000 plus half the indirect expense) when the federal dollars are increased. At this time, however, we can only commit to the lesser amount in accordance with the revenue received. In the event that a county has prepared plans for a project based on receiving a \$533,000 allocation, ALDOT will consider advancing the additional amount from the counties anticipated FY 2011 allocation. While it may be possible to advance FY 2011 funds for a few counties, funding will

not allow us to do this for many. Any amount advanced will be restored should the full FY 2010 apportionment be provided by congress.

Please also be aware that we are currently in a transportation funding crisis nationally. The Federal government issued a rescission of \$8,708,000,000 in transportation funding previously apportioned to the States. This rescission resulted in a direct loss of \$176,090,994.00 in apportionment balances to the State of Alabama, including approximately \$9.3 million from the STPNU and off-system bridge funding categories, and \$1.3 million from the High Risk Rural Roads Program.

The Department fully intends to honor any remaining balance of previous year's allocations made to the Counties. However, due to the rescission, and the lack of long-term transportation funding legislation, the Department may be forced to delay the letting of some projects, including county projects, until such time as fund balances have accrued to a level allowing the full funding of these projects. It may also be necessary to reduce future allocations to compensate for funding lost through the rescissions.

Projects will be selected for funding as fund balances have accrued to a level allowing the full funding of these projects. Projects will be selected based on several factors, including: available fund balances, the order in which projects are received ready for letting, and projects that include stimulus funding.

The deadline for completed project plans for the FY 2010 funds is May 1, 2011. The deadline for completed project plans for the FY 2009 allocation of funds plus any carryover is May 1, 2010.

A balance sheet, showing your County's current balance of Federal Aid funds, will be passed out to all Counties at the Fall County Engineers' Meeting, which has been scheduled for November 16 & 17, 2009 at the Marriott in Prattville. The balance shown will be adjusted for all projects through the September 2009 letting and will include this new allocation of funds. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter.

If you should have questions or comments concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

DEP/dep Attachment

pc: Mr. Joe McInnes, Transportation Director

Mr. D.W. Vaughn, Chief Engineer/Deputy Director

Mr. Don T. Arkle, Assistant Chief Engineer, Policy & Planning

Mr. Ronnie Baldwin, State Office Engineer

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Joe McInnes Transportation Director

October 19, 2009

MEMORANDUM:

To: Mr. Ronnie Baldwin

State Office Engineer

From: D.J. McInnes

Transportation Directo

Reference: Allocation of FY 2010 Federal Aid Finds to Counties

This memorandum is to serve as official authorization to allocate \$339,000.00 in Federal Aid funds to each of the Counties for Fiscal Year 2010. These funds will be available for the Counties' use until October 1, 2011, in accordance with the "Guidelines of Operation" distributed to the Counties from the Bureau of County transportation by Memorandum No. 99-18.

By copy of this memorandum, I am advising Mr. Ed Phillips, State County Transportation Engineer, to notify the Counties of this allocation, and to notify you of the counties' reverting funds from the FY 2008 allocation.

DJM/dep

Pc:

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